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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

This application relies, under 35 USC § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 08/615,814, filed on March 14, 1996. The following references, listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449, were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in the prior application; therefore, under 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies are not required to be provided, with the exception of Spanish Utility patent 289561 which is enclosed herewith together with a translation thereof.

#### U.S. Patents:

850,978	4,274,402
1,043,924	4,340,040
1,292,083	4,402,314
1,950,839	4,414,977
2,566,148	4,534,342
3,046,989	4,674,133
2,001,862	4,823,789
2,398,073	4,932,943
2,509,157	4,971,282
2,586,219	4,984,302
2,625,931	4,995,114
3,426,751	5,003,971
3,531,090	5,101,837
3,742,943	5,022,389
3,835,848	5,476,091
3,935,859	5,533,503
4,153,051	5,549,103
4,213,452	5,533,499

Foreign Patents:

German Patent 437661  
German patent 453006  
UK Patent 12987  
Spanish Utility Patent 289561

Other Art:

PP 11 and 12 of Specification Sheet of CoNco entitled "Nasal Splint -- Disposal Glove".

Copy of Packaging containing a Nasal Strip sold prior to the filing of this application by Bolinger Industries.

**TIME OF FILING**

The information disclosure statement is being filed:

1. X with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b), no certification or fee is required.
2.    after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a final action under 37 CFR § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:  
(check either A or B below)  
A.    a certification as specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e).  
B.    the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(c).
3.    after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee. Therefore, Applicant submits herewith:  
A. a certification as specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e);  
B. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i)(1); and  
C. the accompanying petition under 37 CFR § 1.97(d).

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

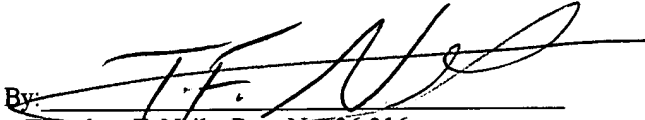
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— Attached is a check in the amount of \$.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0982. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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